

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 are pending. Claims 1, 4, and 5 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takei et al. in view of JP-56008477 A (Abstract). The Examiner submits in part that: Takei et al. disclose a color selecting mask for a color cathode-ray tube having an acrylic PSA thereon; and that JP-56008477 A discloses a resealing adhesive that comprises a chlorinated polypropylene.

Applicants now claim an optical filter wherein the optical film is a multilayer optical film, and the adhesive is an olefin polymer selected from the group consisting of atactic polypropylene, a polymer polymerized from a monomer having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, a copolymer of atactic polypropylene and a vinyl monomer, and a block copolymer of styrene and an olefin.

Neither of the above references, alone or in combination, disclose nor suggest the invention as now claimed. For at least this reason, the invention as now claimed is nonobvious over the above references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takei et al. in view of JP-56008477 A and in further view of Shepard et al. (US 5,581,068).

Takei et al. in view of JP-56008477 A has been discussed above. Shepard et al. do not provide the elements missing from the combination of the teachings of Takei et al. in view of JP-56008477 A. For at least this reason, the invention as now claimed is nonobvious over the above cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takei et al. in view of JP-56008477 A and in further view of Shepard et al. (US 5,581,068), and further in view of Sawai et al. (US 6,020,945).

Takei et al. in view of JP-56008477 A and in further view of Shepard et al. has been discussed above. Sawai et al. do not provide the elements missing from the combination of the teachings of Takei et al. in view of JP-56008477 A and in further view of Shepard et al. For at least this reason, the invention as now claimed is nonobvious over the above cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

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